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# *new faces* @ K-STATE LIBRARIES



**Keli Rylance, formerly head of the Southeastern Architectural Archive at Tulane University, has joined K-State Libraries as head of the Richard L.D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections.**

She oversees the development of the department's physical and digital collections as well as its services and programs for the university and broader community. Rylance also works with donors to acquire unique materials and financially support the department's preservation and outreach efforts.

Rylance earned a doctorate in art history from Pennsylvania State University and a master's in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

"I am looking forward to working with the K-State family to promote its rich resources and develop new collaborations and funding opportunities," Rylance said. "A primary focus will be digitization endeavors aimed at broadening access to the department's diverse holdings."



**Nicole Askew is the new director of development for K-State Libraries at the Kansas State University Foundation.**

Askew has 15 years of development experience. Most recently, she worked for the University of Illinois at the Chicago School of Business. She received her bachelor's in social work at Florida A&M University and her master's in social work from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"I am extremely excited about working with K-State Libraries with their fundraising/philanthropic endeavors," Askew said. "Support from our alumni, friends, and corporate and foundation partners are greatly appreciated as we continue to expand and enhance K-State Libraries. Your gift will have a significant impact on students."



## ABOVE & BEYOND

Three outstanding K-State Libraries employees received awards at the 2016 ceremony on April 11.



### BRICE G. HOBROCK DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

**Jason Coleman**, academic services librarian, received the Brice G. Hobrock Distinguished Faculty Award, which recognizes outstanding librarianship. Coleman, who is entering his 18th year with the Libraries, provides research support for the social sciences. He is also very active in the Reference & User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.



### DEAN'S AWARD

**Darchelle Martin**, public relations officer, received the Dean's Award, which recognizes a non-tenure track unclassified professional.

Martin, who has been with K-State Libraries since 2011, leads the marketing and communications team. She plans and oversees special events, publications production and other promotional efforts. She is also the staff liaison to the Friends of the K-State Libraries.



### SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Dennis Ryan**, annex collection coordinator, was chosen as the Support Staff of the Year.

Ryan started working at K-State Libraries in 2012. He was instrumental during the move of library materials from a facility in Lawrence to the new K-State Libraries Annex in Manhattan, and he continues to provide vital behind-the-scenes support.

## K-STATE LIBRARIANS Receive 2016 Association of College and Research Libraries Innovation Award

Deciding which car to buy, which website to trust or which sources to use in an academic paper?

You'll need "information literacy," a broad set of skills that helps us make decisions.

This spring, the Association of College and Research Libraries Instruction Section awarded librarians Sara Kearns and Joelle Pitts the 2016 Innovation Award for their work in bringing information literacy education online through the New Literacies Alliance (NLA).

Traditionally, librarians have visited the classroom to teach information literacy, but the NLA upends that model. Pitts and Kearns, in partnership with a team of librarians from K-State, the KU Medical Center, Indiana University, Marquette University and others,

created free online information literacy lessons and built-in tests that professors can assign to their classes.

Since the first NLA modules were launched last year, they have been adopted in classes at universities across the

country, including Indiana University, Marquette University and Oklahoma State University.

The group has ambitious plans to add partner institutions and create several more online lessons.

### K-STATE'S NLA TEAM



ASHLEY STARK



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SARA KEARNS



MELIA FRITCH



ALICE ANDERSON